



### IN THE SENATE

**U**tah Senate Bill 211, if passed as expected, will change the business of code adoption in Utah. It will require state legislative action to adopt the fire code, among other modification of powers to many organizations. While code adoption will become more political, the influence of education is greatly enhanced. Elected officials will need to understand the importance of specific code changes. The public voice can have a strong place in fire safety when educated individuals voice their opinion to their elected officials.

As the wise Mr. Asarang (Ozzie) Mirkhah stated in a Firehouse.com article, 10/08, *Mission Accomplished, Not Yet: There's much more work ahead of us*, "Our opponents are well funded and quite organized. Obviously, we have limited funding resources. To compensate for that . . . we must make up the difference with our organizational capabilities and efficiencies. We must maximize the rate of return on our efforts and our limited resources.

The best way to do that is coordination, consistent and succinct public information messages, distribution of all the tasks and responsibilities, avoiding duplication of efforts, etc.

"To do that using an incident command system (ICS) analogy, we need to establish a "Unified Command" to address these long-term challenges. And we need to develop an incident action plan (IAP) to enable us to succeed in our future battles at the local levels."

### NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS

There is a national initiative for fire sprinklers, "[Bringing Safety Home](#)". It is aimed at the individual taking action in their municipality. This grassroots effort is what Fire Safety Educators need to be doing now, statewide. Join the [Built For Life Fire Department](#) program for free public education materials from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition. The Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association is working to secure public education materials for you to use. The International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition has a good DVD hosted by Ronny J. Coleman and produced by Jeff Shapiro. It's 100 minutes long but it's split into chapters that can be used individually in a presentation. Ask for it at [www.ircfiresprinkler.org](http://www.ircfiresprinkler.org)



### FROM NFPA

The next community toolkit from NFPA

for home fire sprinklers should be to fire departments in April. If your kit includes a survey, complete it and send it back right away. Future free toolkits depend on it.

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#### More:

- \* Latest USFA Campaign
- \* Low-Lit Poison Safety
- \* NEW: Safety Product Watch



## WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Sometimes you get to hear that your fire safety program made a difference. Dayna Hilton, Arkansas, made the news when one

elementary school had two "save" stories in the same school shortly after she and her Dalmatian, Sparkles, visited the school. The children attributed their life-saving action to the fire safety program. See more at Hilton's [blog](#). Also, Sparkles book is very good if you have any budget left for such things.

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## FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY Alcohol and Fire

USFA

If you are subscribed to *Focus on Fire Safety* from the U.S. Fire Administration, *Alcohol and Fire* has recently been updated and is [now available](#).

## EASY-TO-READ POISON SAFETY

Home Safety Council has free low-literacy materials about poison prevention. You can call customer service and ask to receive a sample of any product they offer in addition to the free set of materials entitled to *Expert Network* members. They are conducting a survey to determine, among other things, if they should offer professional education for fire and life safety educators.

*Occasionally this newsletter will profile new safety products. The Utah State Fire Marshal does not endorse these products, rather this section is an FYI of what is new in the field of fire and life safety.*

## NFPA SAFE COMMUNITIES

This is a jurisdictional recognition for fire/injury prevention using any of the NFPA educational programs - *Learn Not to Burn Pre-school*, *Risk Watch*, and *Remembering When*. (Previously only Risk Watch was eligible) Use one of the curriculums and hold a safety event once a year, besides Fire Prevention Week-and yes, Safe Kids Day counts! It's free to [register](#) your program and you receive decals and recognition to show off at your City Council meeting.

## SAFETY PRODUCT WATCH

In designing the [Guardian Safety Seat](#) the ideal end product was a safe, quick and simple way to meet the best practice standards for adult and child passenger safety in emergency vehicles. Designers had a goal to exceed all standards for safety and testing. Below is a summary of those safety and testing standards.

**Testing** The Guardian Safety Seat has been extensively tested to ensure its strength and safety. Both static and dynamic testing has been conducted at the foremost independent crash testing facility in the United States, the Center for Advanced Product Evaluation (CAPE).

See results of testing on the CAPE [website](#)

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SAFETY SEAT

*It's what's inside that matters!*

